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AT a meeting on April 16, the membership of Local 719, International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, voted unanimously to endorse the proposal to increase the present city income tax by three-tenths of a per cent which will provide a salary increase of \$125 per month to their present wages.

Samuel R. Leapley
 President

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I AM proud of you, Mary Jackson, to take time to write a letter in behalf of the teachers. It isn't often we hear from the fine teenagers like you. Just as we don't often hear from the fine adults. It is young people like you, Mary Jackson, who make teaching a worthwhile profession. It is the young people like you, Mary Jackson, who will keep America free.

Thank you for writing this wonderful letter and I hope many of your age group read your letter and will do as you say: give their teachers a chance to help them.

Margaret Bailey
 Mt. Gilead, O.

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THE editorial section of your paper is always interesting. In fact, it is the only page that daily I manage to find time to read.

An answer to your question, April 12, "Should U. S. admit its error and get out", is dangerously urgent. Doggedly to force our will on a people whose culture is so deeply different than our own, border on the impossible. The best that can be hoped for is a long drawn-out struggle like England waged and lost in India. The most optimistic report to date, that of Senator Young, would involve us at least until 1980.

A three-day symposium devoted to this question was held recently in the Far West. After speakers of undoubted authority presented the problem from all possible angles, the answer was that our involvement in Viet Nam is a serious mistake — an operation in "Brinkmanship" whose terminus may

be World War III — atomic blackout.

The final speaker, Mr. Bundy of the State Department, when questioned as to the duration of this undeclared war, said in substance: "It is an ideological contest in which our struggle in Viet Nam may prove to be the first skirmish in another hundred years war."

The other such war, through sheer exhaustion, ended in compromise. This one with hate mounting daily, is more apt to escalate to national annihilation.

Why is our government becoming so universally hated? People of other lands look upon this as a civil war with religious complications, all of which is none of our affair. We are looked upon as the big bully imposing on a poor people whom we are sure we can "lick". The pictures of small poorly-clad, barefooted victims writhing at the feet of their well armed, affluent conquerors, highlights the picture of cruelty.

Have we forgotten the wave of indignation that spread over the neutral countries, including our own when Mussolini dropped bombs on ill-armed Ethiopia? Like Hitler did at Guernica, in his mad dream of "Deutschland uber alles", we are accused of trying out our newest weaponry as an initial step in our world policing mission.

These are sad outcomes of our CIA guided and military supported diplomacy — a precipitous comedown from the days when we were rightfully hailed as the champions of freedom and self determination. The more one reads, the surer one becomes that those conscientious senators who oppose the administration on this question are the real guardians of our security.

A graceful about-face — how much it will save us! To admit an evident error is a sign of strength, a stride in development. If we pursue such a course the people of the world will again salute our nation as "the paragon of justice".